

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 1, 2005 has been fully considered by the Applicant. Claims 1, 4, 12, 13, and 14 have been currently amended. Claims 2 and 8 have been currently amended. Claims 3, 5-7, 9-11 have been previously presented.

Claim 2 has been objected to because of informalities. Claim 2 has been currently canceled.

Claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,111,614 to Magura et al.

Applicant believes that currently amended independent claims 1, 12, 13 and 14 are patentable over the cited reference.

Claim 1 has been amended to include a television system having as a part thereof a broadcast data receiver provided with a facility which allows a user to select a visual display from an electronic program guide to view a program or a pre-determined selection of the programs available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time in the future for a pre-determined period of time such that upon user selection of the facility, the electronic program guide shows in sequence each program for a predetermined period of time until the user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the available or the predetermined selection of programs have been shown for the pre-determined period of time. Applicant's invention provides for a system for viewing an electronic program guide which shows in sequence each selected program or pre-determined program for a pre-determined period of time. This feature is novel over the cited reference, and, therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection.

The difference between the Mugura et al 614 patent and Applicant's invention is that in Applicant's invention once a user selects the facility, the program displays are shown in sequence, each program being shown for a pre-selected period of time -- not as in the '614 patent for a time

determined by a user. No user intervention is required for the visual displays of the programs to be shown in sequence in Applicant's invention.

In the '614 Mugura et al patent, a program is shown behind the electronic program guide corresponding to the program in the electronic program guide on which the pointer is on at any particular time. In order for a user of the '614 patent to see a number of different program displays, the user has to manually move the pointer over the electronic program guide to the box containing another program (Col. 7, lines 40-54). This is time consuming. The user or broadcaster of the '614 patent does not pre-select the time for which a program is shown. The time of display in the '614 patent depends on user selection at that instant.

In Applicant's invention, a user selects the facility and thereafter each program is shown in sequence for a pre-determined period of time until a selection of a particular program or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the predetermined period of time. It can be easily seen that Applicant's invention provides the user with an efficient and time-saving means for sequentially viewing and selecting programs from a pre-determined selection of programs or available programs in an electronic program guide. Applicant sincerely believes newly amended claim 1 is novel over the '614 patent and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 12 has been currently amended to provide for a broadcast data receiver having as a part thereof data processing means for generating an electronic program guide containing information relating to a range of programs for viewing and displaying the electronic program guide, the broadcast data receiver further having facility means for allowing a user to select to view from the electronic program guide, for a pre-determined period of time, a visual display for each, or a pre-

determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and upon user selection of the facility, the broadcast data receiver shows each program in sequence for the pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time. Applicant's invention provides for a broadcast data receiver which shows in sequence each selected program or pre-determined selection of programs, for a pre-determined period of time. This feature is novel over the cited reference, and, therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 13 has been currently amended to provide for an electronic program guide having as a part thereof a facility provided by a broadcast data receiver for selection by a user using the electronic program guide allowing the user to select to view, for a pre-determined period of time, a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and upon user selection of the facility, the electronic program guide shows each program in sequence for the pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs have been shown for the pre-determined period of time. Applicant believes that currently amended claim 13 is novel over the '614 patent to Magura et al and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 14 has been currently amended to include a method for reviewing a number of programs identified in an electronic program guide being generated from a broadcast data receiver for display on a display screen including the steps of a user selecting to view, for a pre-determined period of time, all or a pre-determined selection, of programs available for viewing at that instant

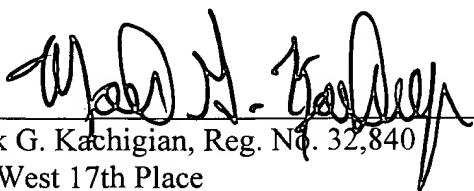
or for a particular time period in the future; generating visual displays by the broadcast data receiver for each program in sequence for the pre-determined time periods; and showing each program in sequence for the pre-determined period of time until the user makes a selection of a particular program or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection or programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time. The '614 patent does not include a method for reviewing programs identified in an electronic program guide having the step as a part thereof of showing each program in sequence for a pre-determined period of time until the user either makes a selection or all of the programs or the pre-determined program selection have been shown for the pre-determined period of time. Applicant sincerely believes that currently amended claim 14 is novel over the '614 patent and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

It is believed that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the claims are not in condition for allowance it is because of a mistake or a misunderstanding of the Office Action and, in such case, Examiner Chang is invited to call the undersigned at (918) 587-2000 so that any remaining amendments to place the application in condition for allowance can hopefully be achieved in a telephone interview. If any additional fees are associated with this action, please charge deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully Submitted

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